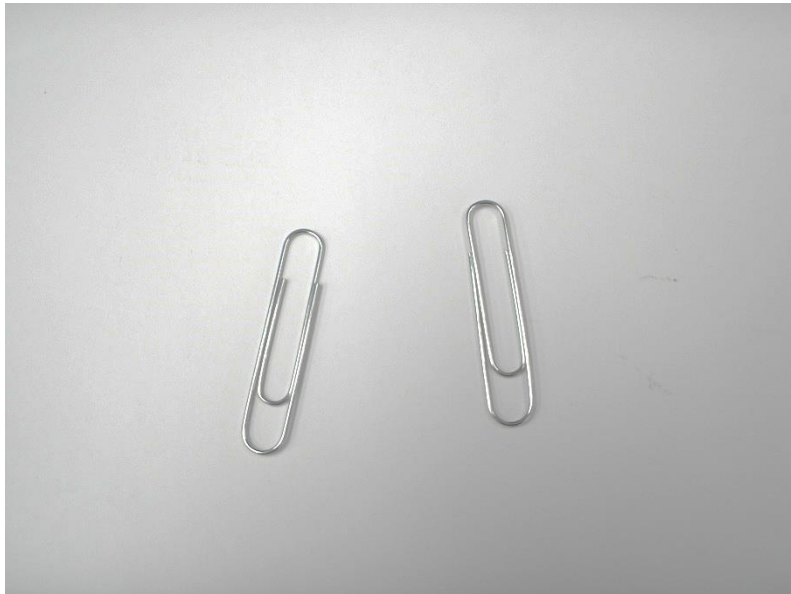
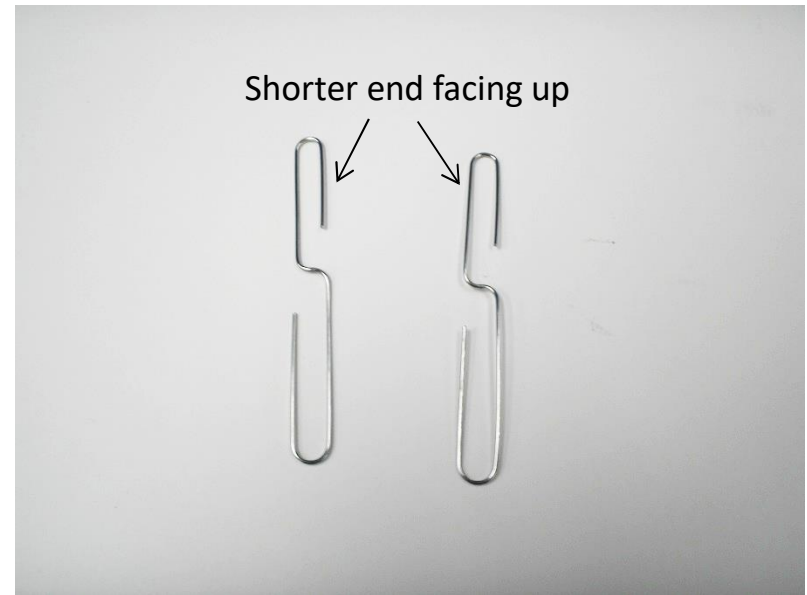


Amazing Balancing Paper Clips

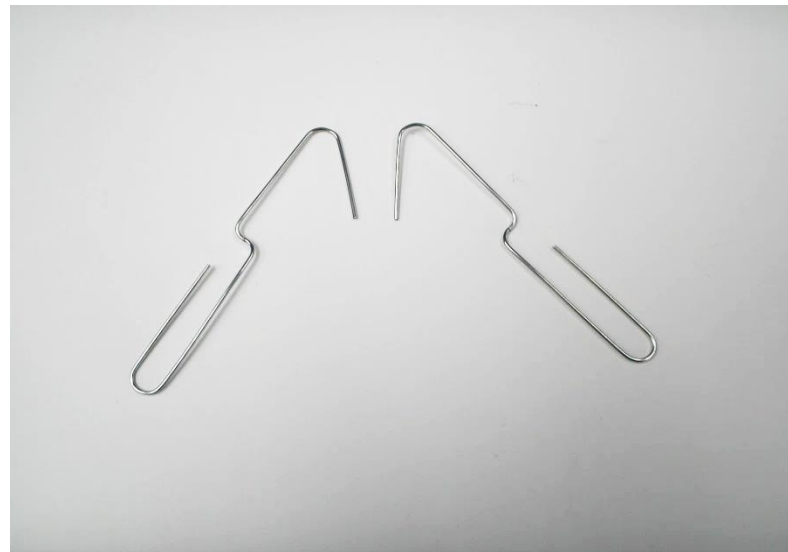
Only YOU can make it balance!



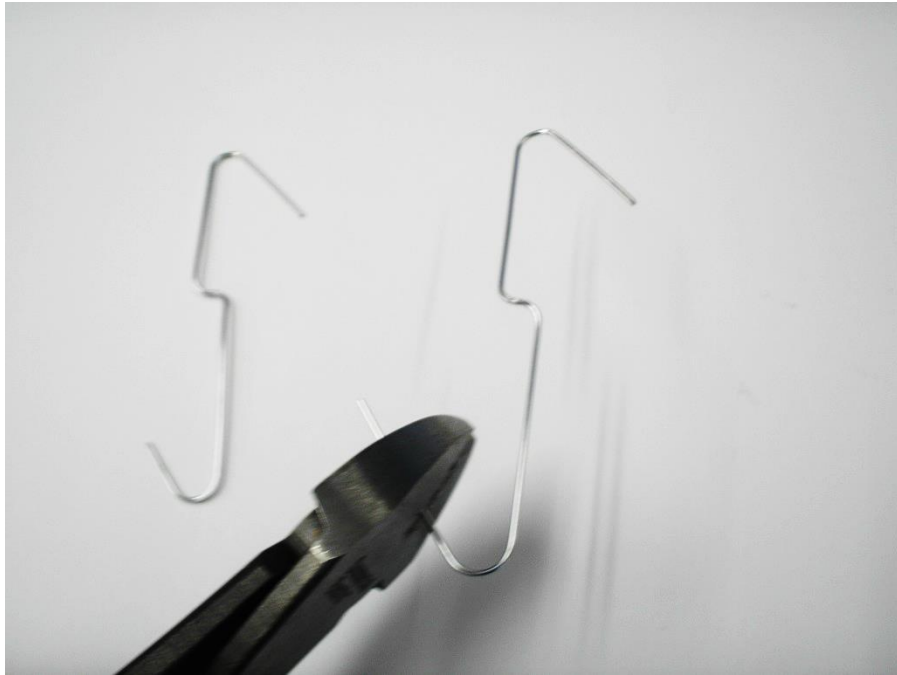
Start with 2 large paper clips.



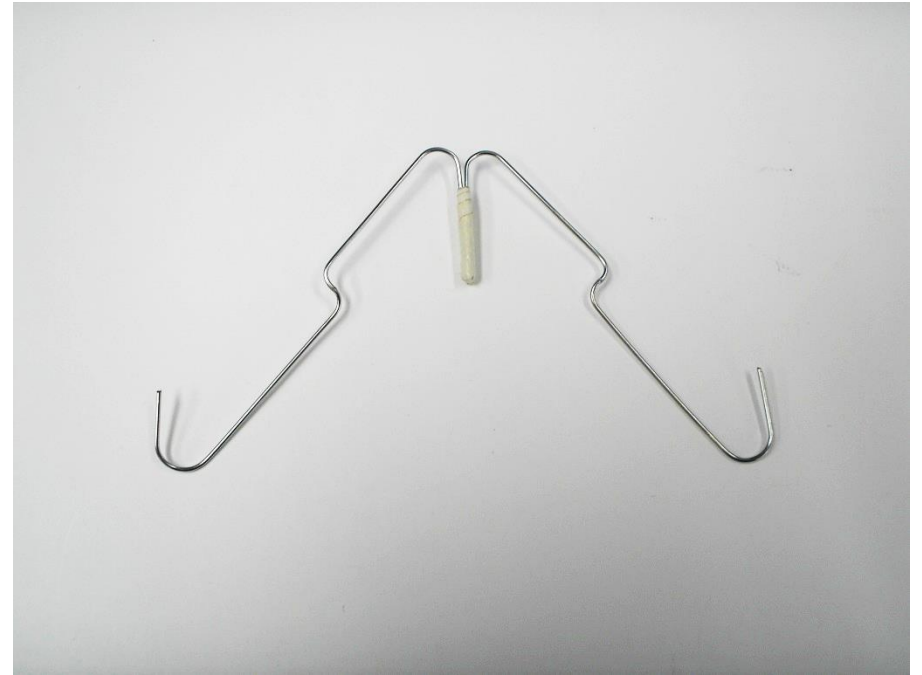
Open them up—SLOWLY—so that they look like these.



Bend the shorter ends out to about a 45° angle.



Use a wire cutter to snip off the long ends. They should be about $\frac{1}{2}$ " to $\frac{3}{4}$ " long. (You can skip this step if you don't have any wire cutters.)



Tape the ends of the top half together. The two paper clips should look like this.



Lay another paper clip across the top half.



Tape it in place.

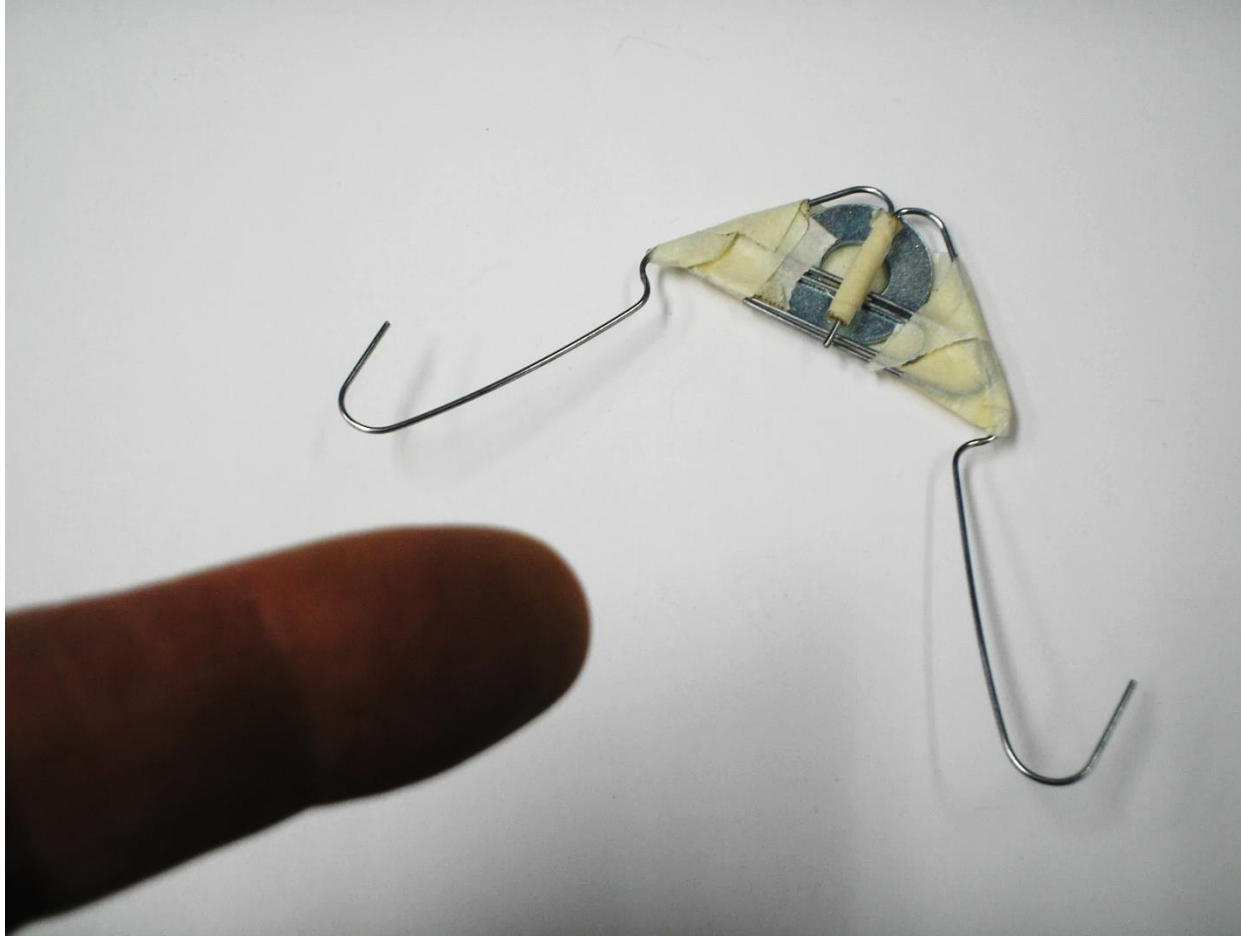


Lay a steel washer on top of the paper clip.



Tape the washer in place. Ta da! It's done.

What's wrong, everyone, can't balance this on the end of your finger?



At which point you pull out two steel washers that you just happen to have in your back pocket, and . . .

Success

